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27 May 1969

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Meeting with Mrs. Oneta Stockstill, Executive  
Secretary, re House Armed Services  
Committee Members' Office Safes**

1. In response to a request from John R. Blandford to contact Mrs. Oneta Stockstill, Executive Secretary, House Armed Services Committee, I met with Mrs. Stockstill and learned from her that the Chairman and others would need to have the combinations changed on their personal safes. Mrs. Stockstill also advised that the matter had been discussed with the Director in this morning's meeting of the CIA Subcommittee.

2. Mrs. Stockstill advised that she had learned the afternoon before from the building custodian that the safe combinations of the cabinet safes in the individual members' offices and in the Committee staff room are held by the custodian of the building. In addition, the senior custodian, a few offices away, holds the combinations of all member cabinet safes for the three House office buildings. She had satisfied herself that somewhere between 12 and 20 people have access to safe combinations and that none apparently are security cleared.

3. During the day the combination of the cabinet safe in the main staff room, 2118, Rayburn House Office Building, was changed. An appointment was made with Chairman Rivers to change the combination on his safe tomorrow morning. Tentative arrangements were made to change combinations for Representatives Philip Philbin (D., Mass.) and Melvin Price (D., Ill.). Other members of the CIA Subcommittee will be contacted during the day tomorrow.

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4. In meeting with Representative Charles Bennett (D., Fla.) he advised that he keeps no classified material in the office and that should anyone gain access to his safe they would find only personal documents and knickknacks. In consequence, he did not desire to change the combination. In meeting with Representative O. C. Fisher (D., Texas) it was learned that although he appreciated the staff's concern there had been some difficulty in memorizing the safe combination in his office and in consequence he did not desire to change it at this time.

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